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district and I see that I've only got 3 of them with minuses and I think that's pretty good if they've got that leveled out that much. So, with all that being said, I want to support the bill and hopefully move it on forward, but I do think we need some more time and I...I would not have voted this morning. I would have supported the bracket motion if they hadn't wanted to try to vote this morning. Thank you for the information and this has been real helpful.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have one very simple question that I'm just going to sort of throw out because I don't want to pose it necessarily because I don't know that anyone is going to answer it. But if...if this is critical, if having this data is critical, if we are supposed to, in the future, have the data by February 1, why couldn't we have had the data this year some time last week and had the weekend to talk to people and process it? I appreciate that we have it in a different form. I'm not certain that that different form necessitates being a month and several days later than the date that in the future we are supposed to have accurate data that is based on actual expenses, actual costs, actual needs, and actual other revenues. I am more concerned about the part of LB 149 that sets up the process for the future that automatically has a calculation that is going to set the amount for state aid, because the reason that got us here, even though there were...there were certain circumstances that may have been unique, the reason that got us here is that we had problems in the way that we calculated the amount. That was the genesis of the \$22 million aspect of LB 149 and...but the other aspect of LB 149 is that we are going to give up our setting of the amount for state aid, our role in appropriating that amount, to a process that apparently is going to allow a computer to make that determination. And I'm not certain, based on what we've seen so far and the problems that we've seen and that we've had to respin everything, that I'm entirely comfortable with that process. Even if we...if we weren't talking about the...you know, we're talking all about stability for the school districts, and I think that that's important, but we also have to be responsible for the stability of the impact on our...our finances and how explicitly we are involved in that. And so I